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National Counselor Examination

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-40(e) and N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.4, applicants for licensure to practice as a professional counselor and associate counselor are required to provide proof that the applicant has successfully passed the National Counselor Examination (NCE) administered by the National Board of Certified Counselors.

The examination format has changed from the traditional paper-and-pencil examination to a computer based examination.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.4(b), applicants are required to first apply for approval by the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee to sit for the examination. (This does not apply to applicants who have completed the examination through qualifying graduate degree programs.)

The State application for authorization to sit for the NCE (and LAC/LPC) is available at:
<http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/proc/pcappl.pdf>

Once approved, the applicant will be notified by the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee. NCE requires that all (New Jersey) examination applicants are first approved by the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee.

The NCE instructions and application are available at:
<http://www.nbcc.org/directory/StateDetail.aspx?stateName=NJ>

The registration form on NBCC Website: <http://www.nbcc.org/directory/StateDetail.aspx?stateName=NJ>

The requirements for licensure as a professional counselor are specified at N.J.A.C. 13:34-10 through 13. See <http://www.nj.gov/oag/ca/laws/pcregs.pdf>